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The issue fee was paid via correspondence mailed from the undersigned on December 11, 2002, so prompt attention is respectfully requested.

The petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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The Office is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned Counsel at the number given below if any questions should arise in connection with this matter.

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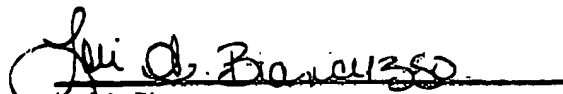
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